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DAILY BRIEF

*Communist China - USSR: Peiping has released a statement warning that continuation of open attacks on Albania and China may lead to a Sino-Soviet "split."

The statement, which was submitted to the Czech party congress at its closing session last week, was read to the congress by Czech party leader Novotny, who then, according to Peiping, "renewed his attacks" on the Chinese. It discloses that the Chinese delegates were the butt of "shouting and hissing," and protests the "unbridled attacks on the Communist Party of China."

The statement constitutes a reaffirmation of Peiping's intention to defy majority opinion in the bloc. In particular, the Chinese deny that Tirana initiated the controversy with "a certain fraternal party." On the contrary, the statement insists, "those who first attacked the Albanian comrades" are responsible for the present disarray in the bloc and "even more serious consequences" may follow.

The Chinese ask for a meeting of Communist parties similar to those held in Moscow in 1957 and 1960 in order to settle outstanding differences. Moscow almost certainly opposes such a meeting, where the Chinese would make their signature to a declaration of principles contingent on important concessions to their viewpoints. The Chinese indicate in

their statement that they would insist on reversal of Soviet policy toward Albania.

Peiping's publication of the statement, almost a week after it was issued, may have been prompted by Khrushchev's thinly veiled attacks on the Chinese at the Supreme Soviet on 12 December. The Chinese statement in turn will almost certainly provoke rejoinders from the Soviet and European Communist parties. [REDACTED]

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USSR--Nuclear Test Moratorium: [S] Soviet leaders may be preparing to declare another unilateral moratorium on Soviet nuclear testing. Soviet delegate Tsarapkin, at Geneva, told Italian Foreign Minister Piccioni this week that such action was planned.]

[The moratorium would probably be timed to go into effect at the first of the year when the current Soviet test series appears to be scheduled for completion. Moscow would then represent this action as being responsive to the UN General Assembly's call for an end to all testing by 1 January 1963.]

[S] Soviet leaders probably will couple a moratorium announcement with a renewal of their November 1961 proposal. That proposal provided for a treaty banning tests in the atmosphere, outer space, and under water, and a moratorium on underground testing. Tsarapkin has hinted privately that as an alternative Moscow may propose a moratorium on all tests in treaty form. Moscow may also revive its proposal of last April for a moratorium on all tests for the duration of the disarmament conference.]

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*UN-Congo: New Delhi has formally notified the UN that it will not replace its 5,700-man brigade group now in the Congo. The group is scheduled to go home in February.

[This group is about half of the total UN force in Katanga, and about one third of the UN's combat troops in all of the Congo. A 1,000-man Tunisian battalion and a 700-man Irish battalion are also to leave within the next two weeks, and will not be replaced. The only new ground force scheduled to arrive in the Congo is one of 1,800 Indonesian troops, now en route.]

[India has already withdrawn its two Canberra jet bombers, but the over-all UN air capability will soon be augmented by 14 jet fighters from Sweden, Italy, and the Philippines. The Italian F-86 jets, however, will be flown and serviced by Ethiopian crews who are unfamiliar with this exact model, and this may reduce combat effectiveness.]

*Dominican Republic: Juan Bosch, a leading contender for the presidency in next Thursday's election, has announced that he will withdraw from the race if the church hierarchy does not issue an immediate communiqué absolving him of charges by parish priests that he is a Communist.

The national executive committee of Bosch's party issued a formal statement on 13 December that it "has decided to withdraw all of its candidates from the elections unless the Dominican people are freed from the coercion to which they are now being subjected." The statement in itself does not constitute a withdrawal, which would have to be filed officially with the electoral junta. Bosch has previously threatened to withdraw on occasions when the campaign appeared to be going against him.

Ambassador Martin commented that the consequences of a bona fide withdrawal are difficult to predict, but that elections would probably be held as scheduled, with the National Civic Union's candidate, Viriato Fiallo, winning by default. It is possible, however, that Bosch's followers would make a violent effort to keep people from voting!

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Brazil - East Germany: An East German heading the trade mission to Brazil has said Brazil and East Germany will negotiate a trade agreement early next year. The Brazilian Foreign Ministry is also studying an East German proposal to help industrialize Brazil's impoverished northeast. [REDACTED]

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